

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Information Databases – California Digital Library’s Government Information Initiative

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: The California State Library (CSL) and the University of California’s California Digital Library (CDL) have signed an interagency agreement whereby CSL agrees to fund and CDL agrees to facilitate the California Data Warehouse. This is the first phase of the Government Information Initiative, a proposal to develop a feasible way of acquiring and providing continuous and persistent access to government information available through California state agency Web sites, and to make this access available continuously to all Californians.

The California Data Warehouse has been renamed “California Counts”. By the date of the Board’s June meeting, CDL had planned to:

- Create a storyboard detailing systems architecture
- Refine prototype and functional specifications
- Finalize initial contents
- Investigate datasets and data structure
- Investigate metadata structure
- Begin working on the prototype

In addition, CDL is in the process of creating an Advisory Group for Government Information Initiatives to advise CDL specifically on building and managing databases with government information content. The Advisory Group will include members from CSL, public library and school library communities, and representatives from the University of California.

Staff is also working with CDL staff to create a periodic reporting and evaluation process.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Update on the California Counts database.

Relevant Committee: Support Services
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